

A. D. BICKNELL, from the Committee on Roads and Highways, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom were referred house files Nos. 230 and 136, bills for an act requiring the owners of osage orange hedges to trim the same in certain cases, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have drafted a substitute for said bills, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

A. D. BICKNELL, *Chairman*.

Ordered passed on file.

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE FILES NOS. 230 AND 136.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT REQUIRING OWNERS OF OSAGE ORANGE HEDGES TO TRIM THE SAME  
IN CERTAIN CASES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That any person  
2 growing an osage orange hedge upon the line of the highway, or upon the line between his  
3 own and another's land, shall cut the same back, before the thirty-first day of December  
4 each year, to a height of not more than five feet from the ground: *provided*, nothing herein  
5 contained shall be so construed as to prevent any person from cultivating a young hedge to  
6 a suitable height for topping.

SEC. 2. In case the owner of such hedge shall fail to comply with the provisions of  
2 section 1 of this act, the road supervisor, or the owner of the adjacent land, as the case may  
3 be, may proceed to trim said hedge as above provided, after having given the owner thereof  
4 thirty clear days' notice in writing that he claims the right so to do, and the cost thereof  
5 may be collected of the owner of such hedge in a civil action.